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Mr. Joe Meadors
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Dear Mr. Meadors:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON2012F051176

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 24, 2012. Your request was received by our office on the same day.

The Navy History and Heritage Command (NHHC) conducted a search that produced one (1) document, totaling four (4) pages. This document is released to you in its entirety.

To aid in understanding this document, please note that NHHC provides guidance to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) on Ship naming, but the actual naming of ships is at the discretion of SECNAV. Therefore, if any documents exist with regard to the deliberations in naming a ship, they are recommendations from NHHC, along with the reasoning for recommended names.

In this specific circumstance, "Liberty" was one of several names recommended for LCS-2, LCS-3, and LCS-4. In an attempt to be proactive, the Naval Vessel Register listed LCS-2 as USS LIBERTY prior to the actual decision. As currently published in the Naval Vessel Register, the final name of LCS-2 is USS INDEPENDENCE.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

M.P. Shaw
For

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